

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2007

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Jason Banach, John Whitehart, Pedro Roman, Jeff Ehman, Julie Roberts and ex-officio member Tom Micuda. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, Mike Bengtson, Michael Horstman, Jane Fleig, Phil Peden, Tom Staley, Mike Hicks and Mike Trexler. Others present: Hank Hewetson representing IU, Ben Beard representing Gentry Estates and Margaret Fette representing the Libertarian Party.

MINUTES

Board member Ehman moved and Board member Roberts seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting. Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 member absent, (Henke).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Claims 0791163 through 0791258 including \$205,227.96 from the Water Operations & Maintenance fund, \$8,784.87 from the Water Construction fund and \$100 for water hydrant meter rental for a total of \$214,112.83 from the Water Utility; Claims 0730713 through 0730769 including \$186,711.12 from the Wastewater Operations & Maintenance fund and \$8,967.73 from the Wastewater Construction fund for a total of \$195,678.85 from the Wastewater Utility; and claim 0770085 through claim 0770090 for a total of \$6,616.33 from the Wastewater/Stormwater Utility. Total claims approved – \$416,408.01.

Board member Ehman asked about the claim for M.E. Simpson. He wanted to know how far along they are with their project. Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said that he believes that the project is finished. He thinks this was probably the last bill.

Mr. Ehman also asked about the claim for Underwriter's Laboratory. He said he was not familiar with MIB/GOSMIN testing. Mr. Bengtson said that his understanding is that it is commonly used in the industry as a marker for taste and odor in the water. When it gets to a certain level activated Carbon is fed into the system.

Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 member absent, (Henke).

FIELDSTONE LIFT STATION REGIONALIZATION PROJECT: REQUEST TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR ROAD BORE ACROSS CURRY PIKE:

Utilities Engineer Fleig explained that this request is to award a contract to Snedegar Construction to do a bore under Curry Pike just north of Third Street. She said that she had asked for three quotes but she only received two back. Snedegar Construction gave a price of \$280 dollars per linear foot.

Reed and Sons gave a price of \$368 per linear foot. This is a part of installing the force main for the Fieldstone Lift Station Regionalization Project.

Board member Banach pointed out that if rock is encountered the price that Snedegar gave is significantly more than the one from Reed and Sons. He wanted to know if they can determine what kind of rock might be encountered before they begin boring. Ms. Fleig said that conversations with other people who have done work in this area and the depth of the bore make her reasonably confident that there will not be any rock. There is also some room to alter the grade if necessary to keep the bore out of rock. She said she asked for rock prices since it's a good practice to have that on record just in case it should turn out to be impossible to stay out of rock. Ms. Fleig said there will be a second bore coming up with this project near Daniel's Way. Test borings will be done there to determine the profile of the rock elevations since there won't be any room to play with the grade in that situation.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Ehman seconded the motion to award the contract to Snedegar Construction for the bore under Curry Pike. Motion carried. 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Henke).

REQUEST FOR GENTRY SOUTH (DECKARD SUBDIVISION) SANITARY SEWER OVER SIZING PAYMENT:

Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson explained that the Utilities' Rules and Regulations allow Utilities to pay developers for over sizing pipes. If a development is planned that includes a pipe that could serve more needs in the area than just the development the developer may be asked to oversize the pipe and then be reimbursed for that expense. The difference between the cost of the pipe that is needed for the development and the cost of the pipe that is needed to serve the greater area is what may be reimbursed, plus 20%. In this case the development was originally called Deckard Subdivision but is now called Gentry South. This particular sewer will allow Utilities to eliminate a lift station and force main. It is now gravity feed all the way to College Mall. This is also significant because Gentry had been pumping to a sewer system just above an area that experiences sanitary sewer overflows. The new sewer will come in below that.

Ex-officio board member Micuda asked how long the over sizing policy has been in place. Mr. Bengtson said it preceded his tenure at Utilities which has been 15 years.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the request for the Gentry South sanitary sewer over sizing payment. Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 member absent (Henke).

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board member Whitehart, who is the chairperson of the Administrative Subcommittee, said that a subcommittee meeting had been held at 4:00 p.m. just before the board meeting. There were several petitions from rate payers. There was a request from Mr. Russell Sanford for an adjustment to his

sewer bill. He had moved into a new home where sod had just been installed for the lawn. Due to a very dry spring he had needed to water the lawn very frequently. This is an issue that applied to the entire Highlands Subdivision. There had been a second adjustment request from Christopher and Nohemi Brown who recently moved to the same subdivision. The subcommittee recommended that an adjustment be made to each of the accounts presented.

Two other matters were brought before the subcommittee. The first of these was from Mr. Raj Matharu and the other from Jim and Amy McHie. The committee recommended that both of these requests be denied.

Board member Whikehart clarified for board member Roberts that in the case of watering the sod the customers had not been given an adjustment for their water bill. Because the water had not entered the sanitary sewer system an adjustment was made to the wastewater portion of the bill.

Board member Ehman seconded the recommendations of the Administrative Subcommittee. Motion carried. 6 Ayes, 1 member absent, (Henke).

STAFF REPORTS:

Utilities Director Murphy reported that the culvert on Roger's Road just east of the round-about had its load limit reduced to 6 tons. A pedestrian walkway next to it has been closed. There is a plan for Public Works to repair the pedestrian walkway and have it opened in 30 days. The bridge can still be used but only at the lower weight limit. Repairing the bridge will probably take one to two years. In the mean time it can not be used by any buses, garbage trucks or large dump trucks. Director Murphy thanked Utilities Engineer Jane Fleig for her aggressive work on this issue.

An Engineering Subcommittee meeting will soon be held to allow for public input into the Long Range Water Plan. Black and Veatch will give a presentation that is focused on the maximum day and maximum hour pumping levels.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Ben Beard with Gentry Estates asked how the map for sewer extensions into the County is coming along. Planning Director Micuda said that it is done.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President